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BRIEFING NOTE TO THE MINISTER OF RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

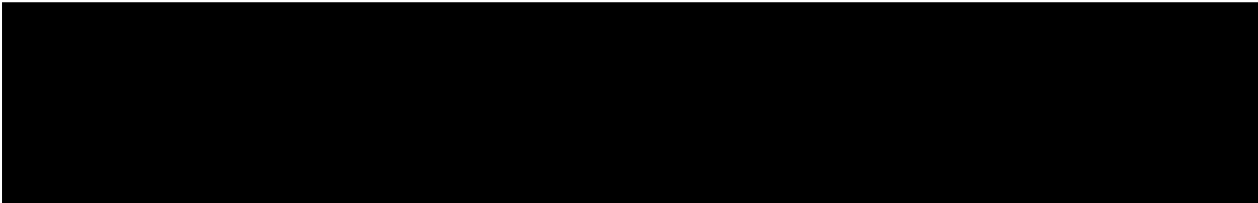
**LETTER TO PROVINCIAL & TERRITORIAL MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR
LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

(For Signature)


PURPOSE

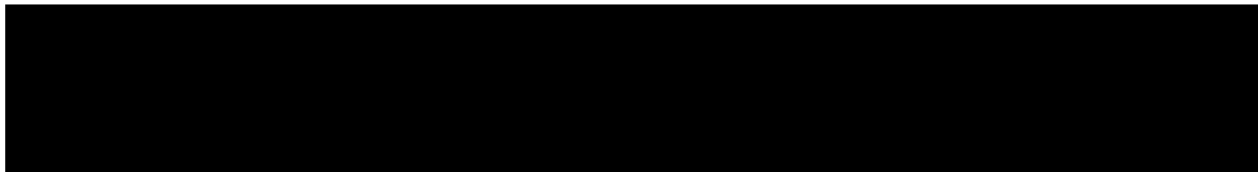
- It is recommended that you send the attached letter (draft provided in Annex A) to provincial and territorial (PT) Ministers responsible for local government, as well as those with portfolios specifically related to rural economic development.

HIGHLIGHTS/KEY CONSIDERATIONS



KEY BACKGROUND

-  Officials are incorporating the views shared with you during your engagement with rural Canadians, and are consulting with other Departments and Central Agencies as appropriate. We will continue to work with your office as the Strategy develops.

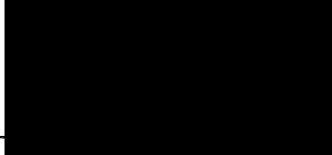
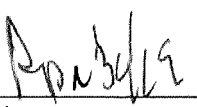



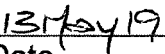
- To that end, you are tentatively scheduled to attend part of the "Meeting of Provincial-Territorial Ministers for Local Government" in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, on June 12, 2019. In preparation for that meeting, Deputy Minister Gillis will participate in a call with PT Deputy Ministers on May 16, 2019. This is in addition to a parallel track of engagement that you and officials will undertake with PTs on issues related to broadband connectivity.

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RECOMMENDATION

- That you approve the attached letter to provincial and territorial Ministers responsible for local government and rural affairs. Once approved the letters will be prepared for your signature.

	
Kelly Gillis Deputy Minister Infrastructure and Communities	Date

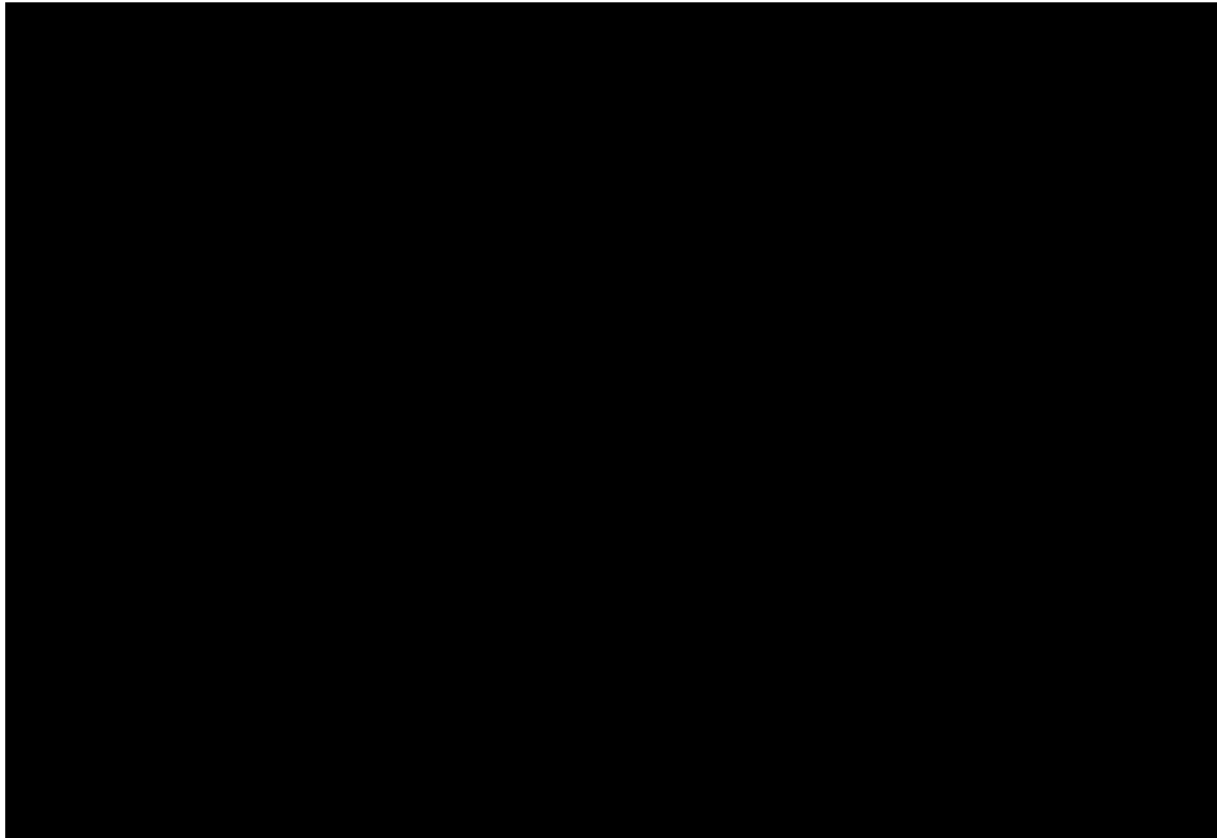
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The Honourable Bernadette Jordan, P.C., M.P. Minister of Rural Economic Development		 Date

Attachments:

Annex A – Letter to PT Ministers
Annex B – Address list

I am writing to you to seek your insight and ideas for strengthening economic opportunity and quality of life in rural Canada.

As Minister of Rural Economic Development, I am developing a whole-of-government strategy that will capitalize on the opportunity that vibrant rural communities represent to enhance economic growth for Canada. I am also pleased to lead the rollout of infrastructure and broadband investments in rural Canada, and to work with other federal ministers to advance important priorities benefitting rural Canada.



Given that there is no one-size-fits-all solution, I am interested in your views on opportunities and components that can be included in a Canadian Rural Economic Development Strategy, and, as importantly, will support its implementation. I would be grateful to receive any feedback and insight from your perspective [REDACTED]

Rural Canada is important to our success as a nation. I look forward to your thoughts and ideas for a Canadian Rural Economic Development Strategy, as well as working together with you to meet the needs of Canadians in rural areas.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Bernadette Jordan, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Rural Economic Development

L'honorable [nom complet]

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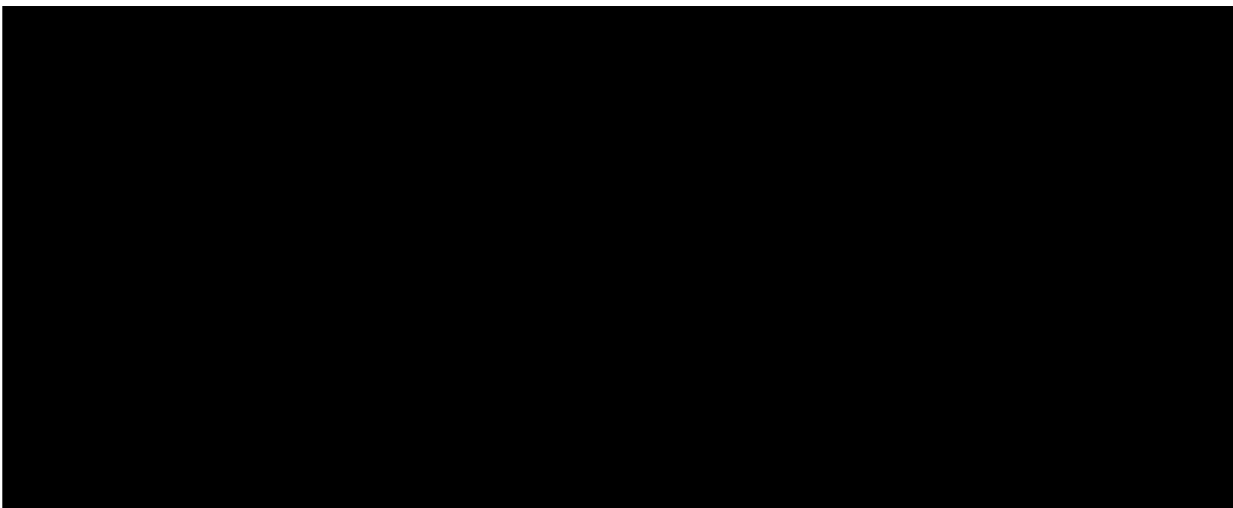
[Monsieur le Ministre ou Madame la Ministre],


Je vous écris pour solliciter votre point de vue et vos idées afin d'améliorer les perspectives économiques et la qualité de vie dans les régions rurales du Canada.

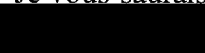
En tant que ministre du Développement économique rural, je travaille à l'élaboration d'une stratégie pangouvernementale qui tirera parti de l'occasion que représentent les collectivités rurales dynamiques pour stimuler la croissance économique au Canada. Je suis également heureuse de mener la réalisation d'investissements dans les infrastructures et les services à large bande dans les régions rurales du Canada et de collaborer avec d'autres ministres fédéraux pour faire progresser les priorités importantes qui profitent aux régions rurales du Canada.

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Étant donné qu'il n'existe pas de solution universelle, j'aimerais connaître vos points de vue sur les possibilités et les éléments qui peuvent être ajoutés à une stratégie canadienne de développement économique rural et qui favoriseront par ailleurs sa mise en œuvre. Je vous saurais gré de transmettre vos commentaires et vos points de vue au plus tard 



Les régions rurales du Canada sont importantes pour assurer le succès de notre pays. J'ai hâte de prendre connaissance de vos réflexions et de vos idées en vue de la mise au point d'une stratégie canadienne de développement économique et de collaborer avec vous afin de répondre aux besoins des Canadiens vivant dans les régions rurales.

Je vous prie d'agréer, [Monsieur le Ministre ou Madame la Ministre], l'assurance de mes meilleurs sentiments.

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